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In re Application of)
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Serial No. 09/954,788) Examiner Katherine M. Moran
Filed: September 18, 2001) Group Art Unit 3765
For: Method for Accessing Electrical)
Components with Gloved Hands)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office action mailed December 6, 2002, (paper no. 4). The amendments to the claims are submitted herewith as a Clean Set of Amended Claims. A Marked-Up Set of Amended Claims detailing the amendments made also is submitted herewith.

IN THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner notes that the claims recite the formation of ridges provided as a triangular pattern and that Figs. 1-4 show diamond-shaped ridges. Applicant respectfully submits that diamond-shaped ridges are a triangular pattern and, as a result, the triangular pattern recited in the claims is shown in the drawings. However, in order to materially advance prosecution of the application, Applicant herewith submits an amended Fig. 1 and a new drawing, Fig. 1A. Fig. 1A is an enlarged view of an area of Fig. 1 and shows in greater detail the triangular pattern extending upwardly from the diamond base seen in Fig. 1. Such triangular ridges are disclosed and described in the specification and claims of the application as originally filed. See, Application, page 5, lines 1-4 and claims 5 and 12. Therefore, the addition of this drawing does not constitute new matter. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the proposed drawing correction.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 5, the phrase "inward fingertip regions" has been replaced with -- a palm region, a hand back region, and finger sheaths, each of said finger sheaths extending from a base region to a fingertip region --;